

#### **ARTICLE 4. GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE**

The geographic scope of the Association extends between Atlantic and Gulf ports of the United States located between Eastport, Maine, and Brownsville, Texas, ports in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, on the one hand, and ports located in the Leeward/Windward Islands (excluding Guadeloupe and Martinique, but including Saint Barthélemy and both the French and Dutch portions of St. Martin), Trinidad, Guyana, Suriname, Haiti, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica, on the other hand, including points located within the Continental United States (excluding Hawaii and Alaska) and Puerto Rico and points in nations of the Leeward/Windward Islands (excluding Guadeloupe and Martinique, but including Saint Barthélemy and both the French and Dutch portions of St. Martin), Trinidad, Guyana, Suriname, Haiti, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica via the aforementioned ports. This geographic scope is herein referred to as “the Trade”.

#### **ARTICLE 5. AUTHORITY**

In all or any portion of the Trade, any two or more members are authorized to:

A. Discuss, exchange information relating to, agree upon, establish, maintain, cancel and revise uniform or differential rates, charges, classifications, rules, regulations, policies and practices in connection with the transportation of cargo moving within the Trade and the use of equipment in connection therewith, including provisions relating to cargo space accommodations; inland factors; surcharges; arbitraries; absorptions; equalization; currency adjustment factors; alternate port service; proportional rates, through rates, joint through rates or other intermodal rates, time/volume rates; service contracts (excluding specific individual